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GIVEN THE CRITICAL ROLE THAT PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN YEH CHIEN-YING PLAYS IN THE NEW TRIUMVIRATE (REFTEL), THE STATE OF HIS HEALTH TAKES ON ADDED IMPORTANCE. HENCE WE ARE STRUCK BY THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TRIUMVIRATE AND OF THE ENTIRE POLITBURO TAKEN AT THE THIRD PEENUM AND PUBLISHED IN PEKING NEWSPAPERS ON JULY 23. OF ALL THE POLITBURO MEMBERS ONLY MARSHAL YEH HAS A HIGH-BACKED CHAIR. RECALLING CHAIRMAN MAO'S INABILITY DURING HIS FINAL DECLINE TO HOLD HIS HEAD ERECT, WE WONDER IF THE SPECIAL CHAIR MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED YEH IN ORDER TO PERMIT HIM TO RECLINE DURING THE PLENUM PROCEEDINGS (WHEN PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE NOT PRESENT). CERTAINLY YEH APPEARED A VERY OLD AND TIRED MAN IN THE TELEVISION CLIPS OF THE PLENUM.

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TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNUSUALLY EFFUSIVE AND EUOLOGISTIC EXEGESES OF YEH'S 80TH BIRTHDAY POEM, THE PHOTOGRAPH MAY BE INTENDED AS A HINT TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE THAT "RESPECTED AND BELOVED" VICE CHAIRMAN YEH IS DECLINING.
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